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Hamakua, Hawaii, Oct. 20, 1901.

Editor Advertiser—After leaving the parched district of Hamakua, and Kohala, Honolulu seems a veritable paradise. For here one sees everything growing in luxuriance and in the greatest profusion, and finds everything that was lacking there.

But what a change, what a transformation, has taken place in this beautiful city since my first visit! For then the king himself was living in a grass house, nor was anyone else living in any house of much more importance.

There was at that time scarcely a house of more than one story, and there were but few of them. But even at that time the city had a charm about it which I have found in no other place, and which seems to grow on one as the years roll by. But now in place of shacks and small shanty buildings, one sees stately structures almost everywhere throughout the business portion of the city, which would compare favorably with any of the finest buildings in the best cities of the United States; while the residences of the merchant princes, and the wealthy classes, are of the most elegant and beautiful description.

It seems to me Honolulu will compare favorably with any city of its size anywhere, for beautiful and artistic homes, and when surrounded with almost every description of tropical vegetation, and trees and flowers, it would, I think, be hard to find a place to surpass it. W. M. Campbell, the architect, has done much to adorn the city with a great variety of elegant and artistic dwellings, as have also a number of the other architects. And while the architects and gardeners have done much to ornament it, other men such as Ashley & Paris, Egan & Hobron, Mr. S. Damon and Mr. Desky, have done much to transform it and swell its proportions, to say nothing of beautifying it.

A vast number of new streets seem to have suddenly sprung into existence, and many of the old ones have taken on a new appearance. Many of the homes that seemed, years ago, inaccessible and out of town, are now in the heart of the city. And what is most remarkable is the fact that nearly all of these improvements and this prodigious growth has taken place during the last two years.

The Rapid Transit Company undoubtedly stands in the front ranks, and has done more than anything else that I know of for Honolulu and for the public in general, to say nothing of the property owners who are now enabled to reap a golden harvest from property that was practically out of the market.

I was highly pleased with this electric road, and think it the most elegant, the best appointed of any that I have ever seen; while its service is unsurpassed, and its conductors are the most courteous, attentive and obliging lot of men that I have ever met. The Pacific Heights electric road has also added a great deal to the beauty of the city, and I have rarely seen anything more beautiful.

## NATIVE LAD HAD RIDE OF HIS LIFE

**He Makes a Record Run From Union Square to the Depot.**

Alexander Harris, a native boy nine years of age, had the ride of his life yesterday afternoon and lives to tell the tale. Pedestrians near the intersection of King and Fort streets shortly before 1 o'clock, heard rapid galloping, and looking whence the noise of the hoofbeats came, beheld a sight which filled them with forebodings. A large bay horse came tearing down King street from the direction of Union Square, its neck outstretched and seemingly bent on making a record run. On his back was a small native boy, who was yelling "Whoa!" at the top of his voice. There was no saddle or bridle, only a rope halter. One or two persons ran out into the street and attempted to shy the horse to one side, a foolish proceeding, as the boy may have been thrown from his unstable seat by the action. Hacks, wagons and street cars were missed by a hair's breadth and the wild run continued until the junction of Beretania and King streets was reached. The boy by this time had managed to tug at the rope until the horse's head was turned and he veered toward a tram car, and coming alongside, stopped suddenly. Willing hands caught the rope and the horse's mane, and the plucky little fellow took his first full breath since the start. He was decidedly tired but in a few minutes was himself again, and alighting, constructed a makeshift bridle and bit by looping the rope in the animal's mouth. After refreshing himself with a bottle of soda pop, he skillfully guided the animal back toward town, and eventually delivered the horse at Camp McKinley, whither he had been originally directed with the promise of a perquisite.

## RACQUETS WERE SWUNG FREELY

The general cessation of work on the plantations, incident to the celebration of the Mikado's natal day by his subjects, was taken advantage of by Mrs. Geo. Ross of Hakalau to have a reunion of the votaries of tennis in that district, embracing the habitues of the courts of Laupahoehoe, Hakalau and Honouliuli. Nearly all the invited guests were present. The weather was all that could be desired and the court (a sanded one) was in excellent condition. Play commenced at 11 a. m., and was kept up with much zest till the shades of evening became too deep for the eye to follow the ball. The program embraced sixteen double sets, all of which were disposed of. A very recherche luncheon was served on the spacious veranda, the guests grouping themselves at the numerous small tables as fancy or affinity led. Those present were: Mesdames E. W. Barnard, C. McLennan, A. Chalmers, W. Pullar, D. Pullar, H. V. Patten, H. Beveridge, MacGregor Deacon, W. K. Andrews, Misses Aitken, Barnard, Irwin, Farquhar, Chalmers, M. McLennan; Messrs. E. Hockley, J. Patterson, J. Smith, R. Hamilton, W. Hay, J. Metcalf, J. S. Gray, H. S. Gray, D. McKenzie, R. Hutchinson, L. H. Thompson, H. Irwin, A. Irwin, F. M. Wakefield, D. Greig, E. F. Bishop, W. McQuaid, W. G. Walker, C. McLennan, E. W. Barnard, A. Chalmers, W. Pullar, D. Pullar, H. V. Patten, H. D. Beveridge.

ful than the electric lights as they wend their way, in curves and loops, to the summit. Nor have I ever felt a climate more invigorating and refreshing than is felt at the top of this road. Space will not permit me to mention one-half of the many attractive places or things that I saw, or of the vast number of delightful and interesting people one meets there.

Of the hotels, the Hawaiian still seems the most popular, and the improvements that have been made are along the right lines, and have added much to its natural beauty and attractiveness.

The Mauna, however, seems to be more elegant and up to date, but it is a little too far out of town to suit most people. There are many good roads and drives, but as a general thing the roads are too narrow for the amount of travel there is upon them. This is notably so in the business part of the town, and is liable to cause trouble in the near future.

Honolulu is certainly a wide-awake, up-to-date little city, and its citizens are among the most progressive and enterprising men that I have ever met. In fact, they seem to be working at high pressure all the time, and some of them ought to be divisible into two, and in some cases into ten—that is, if they ever expect to accomplish all the grand projects they have in view. But for all this they seem to be lacking in one important particular which is of vital significance, and upon which the success of the town largely depends.

I refer in this instance to the tourist travel. I maintain that there is not a sufficient amount of attention given to this subject. In fact, so far as I can see, nothing is done to entertain or to interest them, either in the Hawaiian securities or in the natural or artificial resources of the Islands. I have met a great many of these gentlemen, and many of them men of wealth, yet no one had taken the slightest notice of them or in any way tried to interest them in the Island.

Some of these gentlemen were eager to learn all about the Islands, and many of them were ignorant of the fact that a sugar plantation was only about one hour's ride from Honolulu! Nor had they learned anything about the resources or the securities of the group.

Not only should more be done to interest and enlighten them, but there should be more ways of amusing them.

What is badly needed in Honolulu is public baths, gotten up in the best style and having the best service.

The beach itself needs looking after, and the coral rocks taken out, so that one can bathe without having one's feet cut all to pieces.

New industries should also be encouraged, and plans of land should be given away for this purpose.

It is quite evident that something of this kind will have to be done, or some fine morning we will awake and find a boom town on our hands. We hear talk on the streets of the stringency in the money market, but Honolulu shows no evidence of it. In fact, one sees evidences everywhere of the most lavish expenditures, and in some instances what seems the most reckless extravagance. And this is particularly true in regard to the vast number of buildings that are going up, and which the present outlook will hardly seem to warrant.

OBSERVER.

Tennis courts are maintained at Honouliuli, Hakalau, Papahou, Laupahoehoe and Oahala. These are private but practically public, as they are open to the tennis players of all the plantations. The tournament last Monday was more in the nature of a preliminary skirmish than a championship game. The players, it is understood, would like to cross racquets upon a Hilo court sometime in the future, an ambition, by the way, which Hilo should foster and encourage. The lovers of tennis should see to it that Hilo is strongly represented on the courts, both at home and wherever a match game can be arranged.—Hilo Tribune.

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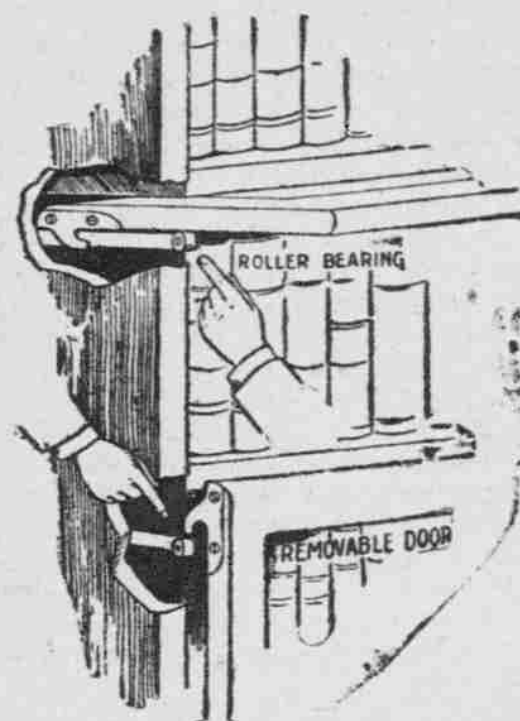
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